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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed on December 2, 2002, kindly consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

Remarks

Claims 1-18 and 34-39 are presently pending in the subject application.

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner and his supervisor for participating in a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative today. Those points which were raised and discussed during the interview are repeated in the remarks set forth below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-16 and 36-39 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wright *et al.* (*Science* (1997) 276:614-617) in view of Kacian *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,554,516). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons that follow.